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Sen. Regina Barrow Welcomes Amazon Development in Senate District 15

Amazon's decision to locate a major distribution center on the site of the former Cortana Mall in Baton Rouge will breathe new life into an area of the city that was dying, says Sen. Regina Barrow, D-Baton Rouge.

"I'm excited about Amazon coming to my district and getting rid of a blighted-looking area," she said. "It's deteriorated a lot since the closing of the mall."

Securing the 2.8 million square foot development was a joint effort of local and state officials, Barrow said. Legislators, city-parish officials, and the governor were involved.

"I'm going to stay connected to make sure they are engaging all parts of our community," she said. "It's going to pick up our community. It's bringing jobs, symbols of hope. I plan to make sure people's dreams become a reality. This will retool our economy."

Amazon already is advertising for employees to fill more than 60 types of jobs at its existing facilities in the region. Numerous other positions and multiple types of jobs are planned for the new development.

"Technology is our future," Barrow said. "How people shop is changing. More people are ordering online," so Amazon needs a giant distribution center.

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